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OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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May 23, 2019

Via Email: foia@amercianooversight.org

Hart Wood
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1030 15th St N.W.
Washington, D.C 20005

Dear Mr. Wood,

On April 30, 2019, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In your request, you specifically ask for:

“...All communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations or entries, and any handwritten or typed notes from meetings) between the custodians listed below and the following individuals and entities, regarding the mining leases of Twin Metals in Minnesota:

a. Representative Tom Emmer, and anyone acting on his behalf or serving on his staff, including but not limited to Christopher Maneval (Christopher.Maneval@mail.house.gov), David Fitzsimmons (David.fitzsimmons@mail.house.gov), Alyssa Anderson (alyssa.anderson@mail.house.gov), Landon Zinda (landon.zinda@mail.house.gov), and Catherine Lenz (Catherine.lenz@mail.house.gov).

b. Representative Paul Gosar, and anyone acting on his behalf or serving on his staff, including but not limited to Thomas Van Flein (tom.vanflein@mail.house.gov), Leslie Foti (leslie.foti@mail.house.gov), Rory Burke (rory.burke@mail.house.gov), and Jeff Small (jeff.small@mail.house.gov).

We request that your search include the records of the following custodians:

i. Anyone serving as Acting Solicitor or Principal Deputy Solicitor (including Daniel Jorjani), and any Chiefs of Staff and Counselors in the Office of the Solicitor.”

In response to your letter, the Office of the Solicitor searched its records and found no documents responsive to your request.

This concludes the Office of the Solicitor's response to your request. The fee incurred in responding to your request is less than \$50 and is not being charged in accordance with 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

FOIA Appeals Officer
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W., MS 6556
Washington, D.C. 20240
Phone: 202-208-5339
Fax: 202-208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

You must include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Office of the Solicitor concerning your FOIA request, including a copy of your original FOIA request and your denial letter. Failure to include this documentation with your appeal will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal. All communications concerning your appeal, including envelopes, should be clearly marked with the words "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Office of the Solicitor's response is in error. For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at 43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H.

Sincerely,



Lance Purvis
Office of the Solicitor FOIA Officer